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E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: BRASS TRAFFICKING UPDATE

REF: A. CHMEDTC 171257Z DEC 73(NOTAL)

B. PHNOM PENH 14227/211050Z DEC 73

C. PHNOM PENH 14245/211700Z DEC 73 (EXDIS)

D. PHNOM PENH 14295/221445Z DEC 73

E. PHNOM PENH 14296/221450Z DEC 73

1. CHMEDTC HAS CONTINUED TO PRESS THE ISSUE OF ILLEGAL BRASS TRAFFICKING WITH THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND CINCFANK. MEDTC STAFF OFFICERS ARE MONITORING THE ACTIONS OF FANK G2 AND G4 IN REGARDS TO INVESTIGATIONS, RECOVERY AND RETROGRADE OF BRASS TO US PROPERTY DISPOSAL FACILITIES.

2. REFERENCE C OUTLINED SIX PERTINENT ACTIONS WHICH THE CHARGE AND CHMEDTC REQUESTED LON NOL TO IMMEDIATELY UNDERTAKE. ACTION ON THESE POINTS HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY THE GKR AND FANK.

3. SINCE THE 21 DECEMBER GKR DECLARATION (REF E), THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE:

A. THE FANK G2 INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AND WE HAVE BEEN
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INFGMED THAT ADDITIONAL ARRESTS ARE IMMINENT. CONTRARY TO PRESS

REPORTS THE THREE OFFICERS RELIEVED OF DUTY AS MILITARY SUB-DIVISION
COMMANDERS ARE ALL GENERAL OFFICERS LISTED BELOW, THEY ARE UNDER
INVESTIGATION AND NO CHARGES HAVE AS YET BEEN FILED:

BG UNG NHACH-TAKEO

BG SEI OEUNG-KOH KONG

BY MEY SICHAN-KAMPOT

RT. CINCFANK ISSUED AN ORDER ON 26 DECEMBER, DIRECTING NATIONWIDE
AUTHORIZATION FOR FANK G2 TO CONFISCATE ALL BRASS CASINGS AND
ARREST ANY PERSON SUSPECTED OF ILLEGAL TRAFFIC. THIS ORDER HAS
GIVEN THE G2 A MUCH BROADER AUTHORITY.

C. ON 25 DECEMBER, 6.5 TONS OF BRASS CASINGS WERE FORWARDED TO
A US PROPERTY DISPOSAL YARD IN THAILAND. ADDITIONALLY, 10 TONS
OF STEEL 105MM CASINGS ARE DUE FOR SHIPMENT BY BARGE ON 30
DECEMBER.

D. ON 26 AND 27 DECEMBER, FANK G2 CONFISCATED APPROXIMATELY
40 TONS OF BRASS FROM LOCATIONS IN THE PHNOM PENH AREA. THREE
CIVILIAN MERCHANTS WERE ARRESTED.

4. ALL EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT THE PRESENT INVESTIGATION HAS
STOPPED ILLEGAL BRASS TRAFFIC AT THIS TIME. OUR EFFORTS WILL
FOCUS ON SEEING THAT IT REMAINS STOPPED.

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